

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-7, 10-39, and 41-57 were pending and presented for examination. In an Office Action dated November 23, 2007, all pending claims were rejected. Applicants are canceling claims 30, 54 and 55 and adding new claims 58-60 with this Amendment and Response. Applicants are amending claims 1, 10, 27-28, 35, 41, 47-48, 53 and 56 in this Amendment and Response. In view of the Amendments herein and the Remarks that follow, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and withdraw them.

Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 103(a) in View of Sugiyama and Hoda

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 18, 23, 26-28, 35, 43, 46-48 and 53 under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,633,723 to Sugiyama, et al. ("Sugiyama") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,831,610 to Hoda ("Hoda"). This rejection is now traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, now recites:

A system for printing multimedia data, the system comprising:
an interface for receiving multimedia data from a peripheral device;
a multimedia processing system coupled to the interface to receive the multimedia data, the multimedia processing system for generating an electronic representation and a printable representation of the multimedia data according to a predefined format specific to the peripheral device, wherein the multimedia processing system generates the printable representation in a first format responsive to the peripheral device being a first type of peripheral device, and the multimedia processing system generates the printable representation in a second format responsive to the peripheral device being a second type of peripheral device, the second format different from the first format;
a first output device coupled to the multimedia processing system, the first output device for printing the printable representation of the multimedia data to a printable tangible medium; and

a second output device coupled to the multimedia processing system, the second output system for electronically outputting the electronic representation of the multimedia data.

Claim 35 recites a method for printing multimedia data and includes similar claim language. The claimed invention receives multimedia data from a peripheral device. A multimedia processing system generates a printable representation and an electronic representation of the multimedia data according to a predefined format specific to the peripheral device. The printable representation is formatted in a first format responsive to the peripheral device being a first type of device and the printable representation is formatted in a second format responsive to the peripheral device being a second type of device. A first output system prints the printable representation to a printable tangible medium. A second output device electronically outputs the electronic representation of the multimedia.

Advantageously, the system can print multimedia data from a number of suitable types of multimedia peripheral devices. As described in the specification, the system can interface with, for example, computer systems, computer networks, digital cameras, cell phones, PDA devices, external storage devices, video game systems, etc. Data obtained from the device is formatted and processed in a format configured for the specific peripheral device. For example, as described in the various example scenarios in paragraphs [0063] – [0071] of the specification, the system may format the data from a cell phone in a first format (see, for example, paragraph [0063]) and format multimedia data received from a digital audio recorder in a different format (see, for example, paragraph [0065]).

Sugiyama and Hoda do not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Sugiyama discloses a video printer that can receive a video signal 11 picked up by an electronic still camera or video camera (col. 3, lines 11-14). Sugiyama further discloses displaying and/or

printing frames of the video that can be arranged, for example, in a 2x2 matrix (See Sugiyama FIG. 4, col. 5 lines 1-11). However, Sugiyama fails to disclose or suggest generating a printable representation of the multimedia data **according to a predefined format specific to the peripheral device**. Furthermore, Sugiyama fails to disclose or suggest generating the printable representation in a first format responsive to the peripheral device being a first type of peripheral device, and generating the printable representation in a second format responsive to the peripheral device being a second type of peripheral device. Rather, the formatting in Sugiyama is based only on the user's selection of frames and is not specific to the peripheral device. Furthermore, Sugiyama is not designed to accommodate more than one type of peripheral device and therefore does not generate the printable representation in a different format responsive to the peripheral device being a first or second type.

Hoda discloses an apparatus for controlling playback of a recording medium using bar code access. Like Sugiyama, Hoda also fails to disclose or suggest formatting multimedia data according to a predefined format specific to the peripheral device. Rather, Hoda is only directed to a playback system and does not generate any printable representation of multimedia data. Therefore the claims would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Sugiyama and Hoda. Applicants respectfully request that Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 103(a)

In the 6th-18th paragraphs of the Office Action, dependent claims 4-7, 10-17, 19-22, 24-25, 29-34, 36-39, 41-42, 44-45, 49-52 and 54-57 have further been rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Sugiyama and Hoda in various combinations

with U.S. Patent No. 6,193,658 B1 to Wendelkin; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0220988 A1 to Hymel; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0185533 A1 to Shieh; U.S. Patent No. 6,115,718 to Huberman; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0010641 A1 to Stevens; U.S. Patent No. 5,436,792 to Leman; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0048224 A1 to Dygert; U.S. Patent No. 5,568,406 to Gerber; U.S. Patent No. 4,881,135 to Heilweil; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0169849 to Schroath; U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0051010 A1 to Jun, and U.S. Patent No. 5,884,056 to Steele. These rejections are now traversed.

The dependent claims rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) are now patentable over the cited references because none of the cited references disclose or suggest at least the claim limitations discussed above with respect to Sugiyama and Hoda. For example, none of the cited references disclose or suggest generating a printable representation of the multimedia data **according to a predefined format specific to the peripheral device**. Furthermore, none of the cited references disclose or suggest generating the printable representation in a first format responsive to the peripheral device being a first type of peripheral device, and generating the printable representation in a second format responsive to the peripheral device being a second type of peripheral device. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 4-7, 10-17, 19-22, 24-25, 29-34, 36-39, 41-42, 44-45, 49-52 and 54-57 are patentable over the cited references. Applicants request that Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

In sum, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 4-7, 10-39, and 41-57 as presented herein, are patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections to these claims and request allowance of

them. In addition, Applicants respectfully invite Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below if Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

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